(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि दालों का उत्पादन देश के कुल खाद्यान्नों के उत्पादन का केवल 7 प्रतिशत है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो तिलहनों तथा दालों के संबंध में प्रौद्योगिकी मिशन द्वारा देश में दालों के उत्पादन को प्रोत्साहित करने के लिये आगामी वर्षों में क्या-क्या ठोस योजनायें कार्यान्वित किये जाने का विचार है तथा दालों का 18 प्रतिशत उत्पादन देश के कुल खाद्यान्न उत्पादन क्षेत्र के 18 प्रतिशत क्षेत्र में पैदा करने के लक्ष्य को प्राप्त करने के लिये क्या समय सीमा निर्धारित की गई है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मुल्लापल्ली रामचन्द्रन) : (क) और (ख) जी, हां । 1989–90 के दौरान दलहनों का क्षेत्र और उत्पादन क्रमश: 18 और 7 प्रतिशत था ।

(ग) देश में दालों के उत्पादन में वृद्धि करने के लिये दो योजनाएं अर्थात् राष्ट्रीय दलहन विकास कार्यक्रम और विशेष खाद्यान्न उत्पादन कार्यक्रम, तिलहन और दलहन प्रौद्योगिकी मिशन द्वारा कार्यान्वित की जा रही हैं । इन कार्यक्रमों को आठवीं योजना के दौरान जारी रखे जाने का प्रस्ताव है । दालों के अन्तर्गत वर्तमान क्षेत्र से प्रति हैक्टार उपज में वृद्धि करने के लिये किसानों को बेहतर आदान और समर्थन सेवायें मुहैया करके उत्पादकता के स्तर में वृद्धि करने के प्रयास किए जाएगें । फसल उत्पादन प्रौद्योगिकी, कृषक सेवाओं/आदानों, फसल कटाई के बाद की प्रौद्योगिकी और मंडी हस्तक्षेप/मूल्य समर्थन की एक समेकित नीति के माध्यम से दलहन उत्पादन की ओर अधिक जोर दिये जाने का प्रस्ताव हैं । आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना (1990–95) के लिये दलहनों का उत्पादन लक्ष्य 17.00 मिलियन मीटरी टन निर्धारित किया गया था । संशोधित आठवीं योजना (1992–97) के लिये योजना आयोग के सहयोग से लक्ष्य तैयार किये जा रहे हैं ।

Improvement of telecom services in the country

820. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that telecom sector in the country is in a bad shape;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Telecom Commission is without its Chairman; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to improve the telecom services in the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) The Technology Mission-"Better Communications" is being continued so that continuous attention is focussed on the modernisation and expansion of the network to enable further improvement in the quality of Telecom. Services.

Computerisation of postal services

821. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to Computerise Postal Services in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details of Computerisation Programme introduced in Postal Departments in different States;

(c) by when Government propose to Computerise Postal Services in Orissa?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) P.C. Based multi purpose counter machines have been provided in 22 post offices at Delhi, Bombay, Madras, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Lucknow and Ahmedabad.

(c) Decision for installations of machines are taken on the basis of workload and justification subject to availability of funds. Department has proposed in the 8th Plan to provide more such machines in important cities of the country. This will include important cities of Orissa also.

Introduction of 'Home Direct Service'

822. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently introduced 'Home Direct Service' to some foreign countries on 'Dial-up' basis to all telephone customers having STD facility; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Home Direct Service is available to all subscribers having STD facilities in ten cities with access to eight countries.

(b) Details are given in the statement.

Statement

ANNEXURE

The service has been introduced to 8 countries with effect from 1-11-91, as detailed below :—

	Access Code		
1. USA	000	11	7
2. U.K.	000	441	7
3. JAPAN	000	811	7
4. ITALY	000	391	7
5. SPAIN	000	341	7
6. SINGAPORE	000	651	7
7. NETHERLANDS	000	311	7
8. CANADA	000	16	7

Call to any of these 8 countries can be made from any telephone with STD/ISD facility by dialling the above access codes. The service will also be available on dedicated telephones installed at important places of tourist interests, Air Ports, Five Star Hotels and Telephone Bureaus.

On dialling the required code, the call will be answered by the operator at the distant end who will put through the call to be required number on "Collect Call" basis after confirmation from the called number. In respect of calls to USA, AT&T cards can be used.

The tariff for each effective call from a dedicated phone will be Rs. 10/- and in case of Dial-up calls the charges will be on metering unit per effective calls.

At present the service has been introduced from 13 cities in the country as detailed below :—

(i) Ahmedabad

(ii) Bombay

(iii) Bangalore

(iv) Calcutta (on dedicated phones)

(v) Delhi

(vi) Ernakukam

(vii) Hyderabad (on dedicated phones)

(viii) Kanpur

(ix) Lucknow

(x) Madras

(xi) Ranchi

(xii) Varanasi

(xiii) Vishakhapattnam (on dedicated phones)

Waiting list for telephone in Orissa

823. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of applicants in different towns and cities on waiting list for telephone connections in Orissa as on the 31st October, 1991;